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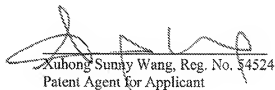
Claims 1-5 and 9-10 remain in this application. The Applicants have canceled claims 6-8, and withdrawn Claims 11-24 in response to a restriction requirement. The Applicants have not added any new matter.

The Examiner noted that this application appears to claim subject matter disclosed in prior Application No PCT/EP03/12325, filed 05/11/2003. The Applicants amended the specification and added a paragraph of cross-references (see page 2 of this paper).

The Examiner pointed out that the specification of this application explicitly defines "mammal" so as to exclude human or Homo Sapiens, therefore, Applicants amended claims as the Examiner suggested to insert "non-human" in before "mammal" in line 1 of Claim 1 and a) of Claim 9. To expedite the case, Applicant cancelled Claim 6-8, and withdrew Claim 11-24.

The Applicants respectfully submit amendments, in condition for allowance, and respectfully request early, favorable action on the application. Should the Examiner believe that an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, the Applicants invite him to contact the undersigned at 908.231.3648.

Respectfully submitted,



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